for the LCA, as necessary. Secondly, a 'single window' for processing export clearances in the US Govt, has been agreed to. This is expected to reduce delays for a time-bound programme like the LCA.

(b) The general areas identified for co-operation between the laboratories are digital light control, avionics and light-weight composites for aircraft structures. The Laboratory from the Indian side will be the Aeronautical Development Establishment, Bangalore and the Laboratories from the US Govt, side will be the Wright Aeronautical Laboratories under the US Air Force. No decisions have been taken regarding US aero-space companies which would like to support the LCA programme in these areas.

Explosion in the Office of Assistant High Commissioner at Kandy

2060. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI T. R. BALU:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that an explosion took place in the office of the Assistant High Commissioner of India at Kandy on the morning of 25th October, 1987;

(b) if so, what were the findings of the investigation;

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the estimated loss of life and pro perty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The investigating agencies of the Sri Lankan Government have not yet reach ed final conclusions.

(c) The Assistant High Commission in consultation with the High Commission in Colombo and the Ministry of External Affairs have tiken appropriate security measures.

(d) There was no loss of life, but the building of the Assisatnt High Commission was extensively damaged.

Compensation for killed/wounded IPKF soldiers

2061. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA;

DR. G. VUAYA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether any compensation would be paid for the IPKF soldiers killed or wounded in Sri Lankan operations;

(b) what are the norms and conditions for giving compensation and whether they are applicable to Sri Lankan peace operations; and

(c) what have been the casualties on both sides, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIV-RAI PATIL): (a) and (b) There are no prescribed norms and conditions for giving ex-gratta compensation. There is no proposal to give such compensation to IPKF personnel killed or wounded in Sri Lanka. The IPKF personnel killed or wounded in Sri Lanka are entitled to Liberalised Pensionary Awards as are applicable to war/battle casualties, the main features of which are given in the Statement attached. *(See* below)

(c) The number of IPKF personnel killed in Sri Lanka so far is 262, whlie the number of personnel wounded is 927. As per available information, it in assessed that 954 LITE personnel have lost their lives during the operations so far.

STATEMENT

(a) The widows of the IPKP personnel killed while deployed in Sri Lanka are entitled to the following liberalised pensionary awards :—

(i) *LIBERALISED SPECIAL FAMILY PENSION:*

Liberalised Special Family Pension equal to the reckonable emoluments last drawn both for the officers and the personnel below officer's rank shall be admissible to the widow in the case of officers and to the nominated heirs in the case of personnel belcw officer's rark until death or disqualification.

(ii) *DEATH CRATUITY:*

Death Gratuity is paid at the following rates;

Length of qualifying service	Rate of Gratuity
(i) Less than one year —2 times.	of reckonable em[0] luments.
(ii) One year or more but less than 5 years. —6 times	
(iii) Five years or mire but less than 20 years —12 times	
(iv) 20 years or more.	Half of reckonable emoluments for each completed six monthly period of Qualifying service subject to a minimum of 12 times and a maximum of 33 times of reckonable emoluments provided that the amount of death gratuity shall in no case exceed Rs. 1 lakh.

(iii) *FAMILY GRATUITY :*

Family gratutiy will be payable in cases of death, in addition to the death gratuity admissible under the D3ath-Cura-Retirement Gratuity Scheme at specified rates depending on rank.

DEPENDEN7 PENSION:

Where an officer dies as a bachelor, or as a wisdower without children, dependent pension will be admissible to p)rents without reference to their pecuniary circumstances at 3|4th of the reckpable emoluments last drawn by the deceased officer, for both parerts and 3/4th of this rate from single parent. On the death of one parent, denpendent pension at the latter rate will be admissible to the surviving parent.

(b) TPKF personnel wounded while deployed in Sri Lanka are entitled to the following liberalised pensionary awards :—

WAR INJURY PENSION

War Injury Pension for 100% disability shall be equal to the reckonable emoluments last drawn on the date of invalidraent. Where disability is less than 100% the amount of War Injury Pension shall be proportionately reduced but in no case shall War Injury Pension shall be less than 60% of reckonable emoluments in case of officers and 80% in case of personnel below officer rank. The War Injury Pension shall also be admissible when the degree of disability is ass;ssed at below 20% at the time of invalidraent or at any subsequent re-assessment stage.

RETIREMENT GRA1UITY:

[addition to th; War Injury Pension, the individual shall be entitled to retirement gratuity calculated on the basis of recouble emoluments on the date of invalidment but counting of service upto the date on which he would have normally retired in that rank plus weightage of 5years (total not exceeding 33 years). The overall calling on retirement gratuity will be Rs.]lakh.

CONSTANT ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE:

The rate of Constant Attendance Allowance will be Rs. 300/- p.m., irrespective of the rank were admissible under the conditions as heretofore.

NOTE : The terra reckonable emoluments shall mean :

For service offiers :	Officers basic pay plus non-prartising allowance (NPA) and rank pay, if any. last drawn by the officer.
For personnel below office rank.	Basic pay including classification pay if any, last drawn by the individual.

OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Financial assistance is admissible ot the nominee(s) of the deceased 1PKF personnel killed or disabled while deployed inSri Lanka from Finance Schemes in accordance with the rules of th; schem; as follow; :—

Army Group Insurance Scheme	D;ath cover (Rs.)	Disability cover for 100% disability (Rs.)
Officers	2,00,000	1,00,000
JCOV	75,000	37,500
Navy Group Insurance Scheme :		
Officers	1,00,000	50,000
Sailors	37,000	18,500
Air Farce Employees Group Scheme and Flying Pay Linked Insurance Scheme. Insurance		
Officers in receipt of Flying Pay.	4,33,000	2,16,500
0:her officers	1,50,000	75,000
Airmen Aircrew	2,16,500	1,08,250
Airmen	75,000	37,500
NCs(E)	30,000	15,000

Expenditure on I.P.K.F.

1062. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHA-KRISHNA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what has been the total amount of expenditure for I.P. K.F. in Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): The IPKF operations are still continuing and complete estimates of expenditure have not been tabulated.